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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 18, 2004
8:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 8:26 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: Paul J. Escobar.

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AGENDA

1. Discussion regarding the FY2005 Budget Wrap Up.
2. The City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget, gave a budget overview and passed out a sheet with the major proposed changes to FY05 Mayor's proposed budget (on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Mayor Wardy and Council Members commented and asked questions on the following issues:

- Health Department's budgets and its services
- County's intentions regarding participation through contracts
- Revenues
- Reductions
- Staffing cuts
- Merit increases and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)
- Services that could be consolidated among existing sites
- Security contracts

Mr. David Almonte, Director of Office of Management and Budget, commented and answered questions from Council Members.

Mr. Mark Everett, City-County Health Administrator, commented and answered questions from Council Members.

Ms. Maria Elva A. Lucero, citizen and former Tax Department employee, spoke against the consolidation of the Tax Department into the Comptroller's Department.

Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk